

**PERSONAL SECRET**

Dear Mr. Cross:

I have come across a somewhat unusual immigration case in Washington in which there seem to be very great difficulties which I hope and believe you might be able to alleviate. The people involved are Dr. and Mrs. Gustav Hilger. Dr. Hilger was Counselor of the German Embassy in Moscow for a long number of years and left that post only at the outbreak of the Russo-German war. Following the end of hostilities in Europe, Dr. Hilger performed extremely useful services for the Army in Germany. Since he has been in this country he has been most cooperative and useful to interested government agencies in a consultative capacity by virtue of his having spent almost all of his life-time in Russia. Dr. Hilger was never a member of, or sympathetic to, the Nazi party but rather he was a conscientious and able civil servant of the German Government.

I am indicating below all of the information concerning Dr. Hilger and his wife which is pertinent to your understanding of the case. As you will see, it appears that there will be a severe delay in the Hilgers' immigration to the United States under the Russian quota. What I am primarily interested in is the possibility of the Hilgers receiving an early immigration number under the Russian quota. It appears to me only proper that he should receive special consideration in view of the important function that he is performing as a consultant in Washington.

Dr. Hilger was born in Moscow, Russia on 20 September 1896. His father, Otto Hilger, born in Germany, and his mother, born in Moscow, were in Moscow on business when Dr. Hilger was born. Dr. Hilger's wife, Marie, was born in Moscow, Russia on 11 July 1899 to a German father and French-Dutch mother. The U. S. Immigration laws state that the country of birth shall designate the quota under which an alien will be permitted to enter the U. S.

Dr. Hilger holds Military Government for Germany Temporary Travel Document No. 49355, issued at Heidelberg, Germany on 1 October 1948.

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originally valid to 1 October 1949. His wife holds the same type travel document No. 49356, issued at Heidelberg on 1 October 1948, valid to 1 October 1949. Extensions on these documents to 31 May 1951 were recently received from the High Commission Permit Office in Washington, D. C. Their temporary permits into Germany were extended to 1 November 1950. Dr. Hilgen also holds non-immigrant visa No. 324, dated 6 October 1948, issued by U. S. Consul, Munich, Germany, valid for eight months; classification: temporary visitor, application No. V49797. His wife holds non-immigrant visa No. 325, dated 6 October 1948, issued at Munich, Germany by the U. S. Consul, valid for eight months; classification: temporary visitor, application No. 47798. On 4 March 1949 I & F S granted an extension of stay of their visitors' permits to 1 August 1949. They have just applied for another extension of stay to 1 August 1950 based on the extension of their travel documents. I feel certain that the extension of stay will be granted.

Dr. Hilgen and his wife applied for pre-examination and voluntary departure to Canada with the intention of returning to the United States under the German quota, but these applications have been held up by I & F S. Likewise as both subject and his wife were Russian born and consequently could only be considered under the Russian quota which, I understand, is filled for the next two years at least.

I shall appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible if any action can be taken to hasten the process of immigration for the Hilgens.

Sincerely,

George F. Manning

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